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SUBJECT: PEANUT QUOTA

REF: (A) TOKYO 5684 (B) PEANUT REPORT JP8039

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1. QUOTA INTENTIONALLY LIMITS SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS THEREBY SUPPORTING RETAIL PRICES. ROASTERS ARE THEN ABLE TO PAY HIGHER PRICES TO FARMERS.

2. GOJ DOES NOT PLAN TO CHANGE CURRENT QUOTA SYSTEM FOR PEANUTS.

3. BECAUSE OF THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN TRADERS AND MAFF OFFICIALS, UNLIKELY THAT BILATERAL USG/GOJ TALKS WOULD RESULT IN ANY QUOTA CHANGE.

4. BECAUSE OF SLUGGISH DOMESTIC MARKET, TRADE SOURCES EXPECT THAT THE SMALL KERNEL QUOTA FOR 1978, ANNOUNCED DURING APRIL-SEPTEMBER, WILL BE BETWEEN 12,000-15,000 MT. THE LARGE KERNEL QUOTA IS EXPECTED TO

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BE ABOUT 10,000 MT. IF THESE RUMORS PROVE TRUE, THE TOTAL IMPORT QUOTA FOR MY 1978 WOULD BE AT MOST 56,000 MT, DOWN CONSIDERABLY FROM MY 1977'S 72,200 MT QUOTA ALLOTMENT.

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